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Brayden Walterhouse, 20, holds the keys to his bike lock and electric bike kit — all he has left of his bike after it was stolen on Tuesday. KATE WEBB/METRO

Electric bike stolen from disabled man

Main transportation.
Wheels were taken while 20-year-old was inside recreation centre

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A 20-year-old disabled man had his main means of transportation stolen from him Tuesday at the Guildford Recreation Centre in Surrey.

Brayden Walterhouse, who is deaf and has mild cerebral palsy, locked up his $1,000 black Opus bike, specially outfitted with an electric kit, around noon.

He was in great spirits until he exited the building three hours later to find a thief had cut through the steel cord on his bike locker.

"The electric bike is very important to me because I have cerebral palsy. It helped my speed, much improved," Walterhouse told Metro via email.

"I used it as a hobby and my family went on bike vacations a few times."

His sister, Carlene Walterhouse, said their parents bought the electric kit for him about two years ago to make his life easier.

"The way his legs work, it's really challenging for him to just use a regular bike, and it could be sometimes a little bit painful," she said. "When we went on biking trips, he would take a long time, so we just decided to put on this bike pack, which cost quite a sum of money."

Walterhouse, who works part-time at Home Depot stocking shelves, filed a police report and put up posters around the rec centre.

But having recently moved, his sister said the theft has left him stressed and upset.

He wrote this message to the thief:

"Stealing my bike was very serious and not funny, due to (it being) very expensive and very special to me, because of part of my disability."

Anyone with information is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502. To leave an anonymous tip, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Remembering Ripper: Fans pay tribute with benefit

Rick Rypien. Money raised will go to MindCheck, which raises awareness of mental-health issues

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It's been one year since former Canucks player Rick Rypien died after a long battle with depression, but his fans are keeping his memory alive by helping others struggling with mental illness.

A fan-organized event outside Rogers Arena on Wednesday featured a silent auction, with proceeds going to MindCheck, a program launched by the Canucks to raise awareness about mental health.

"Bringing all the fans together is really good because there's a lot of people who suffer from depression and they don't feel they can talk about it," organizer Alex Ransford said. "By having this event, it brings everybody together and lets people make new friendships and relationships that can build support in the future."

Rypien, a 27-year-old fan favourite, had just signed a deal with the Winnipeg Jets a month before he was found dead at his home in Crowsnest Pass, Alta.

Ransford said she got a "We are all Canucks" tattoo with the jersey numbers of the late Canucks Rypien and Luc Bourdon a week after Rypien's death.

Canucks fan Felicia McKinnon said she misses Rypien's on-ice toughness and his interactions with the fans.

"Rick was awesome on the ice," she said. "He would always stick up for his teammates. Even off the ice, he was the sweetest guy. He would sign (autographs) for everyone. He would always have a smile on his face.

"If we knew then what we know now about what he was dealing with, it's even more amazing that he could smile for the fans and people who supported him," McKinnon added.

Felicia McKinnon takes part on Wednesday in a celebration of the life of former Canucks player Rick Rypien, who died on Aug. 15, 2011. A silent auction held at Rogers Arena raised money for the mental-health-awareness program MindCheck. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

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Not-so-clear sailing in Enbridge video

Lori Waters took it upon herself to fill in 1,000-square-kilometres of land she claims is missing from an Enbridge tanker-route animation.
CONTRIBUTED/LORI WATERS

Nearly 1,000 square kilometres of islands are missing from an Enbridge animation depicting the tankers that would pass through Douglas Channel to reach the Northern Gateway pipeline.

The animated video on the Enbridge website maps the route of the proposed pipeline from the oilsands to Kitimat and on to Asia.

It's a simple cartoon that depicts the Rocky Mountains as little more than a speed bump on the landscape. And the crowded Douglas Channel — which tankers would navigate to pick up crude from Kitimat — is portrayed as a wide-open thoroughfare to the Pacific Ocean.

Critics argue the animation is deliberately misleading, and Lori Waters is among them. "I viewed the video and, as soon as I saw it, it just seemed absolutely wrong to me," she said on Wednesday. "It seemed to have been designed to purposely mislead the public, which is unconscionable for a project with this level of associated risk."

Waters, a graphic designer, decided to create her own true-to-life version of the Enbridge illustration. She scanned hydrography charts and Google Earth maps and discovered nearly 1,000 square kilometres of islands she says are omitted from the video.

Enbridge could not be reached for comment by press time on Wednesday. But the animation clearly states it is "for illustrative purposes only. It is meant to be broadly representational, not to scale."

Waters says the disclaimer doesn't absolve Enbridge of its responsibility to relay the dangers of running tankers through Douglas Channel.
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Researchers have identified strange-looking mutated butterflies found near Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant. Scan the code to see why the science community is worried.

Vancouver. Ranked 3rd most livable city by mag

Vancouver, Toronto and Calgary are among the top 5 most livable cities in the world, according to a new report by The Economist magazine.

The rankings, released earlier this week, gave 140 cities a score between 0 to 100 on 30 factors including health care, culture and infrastructure.

Vancouver came in third with a score of 97.3; Toronto came in fourth at 97.2, and Calgary tied for fifth place with Adelaide, Australia, at 96.6.

Vienna was ranked number 2 with a score of 97.4 and Melbourne, Australia topped the list at 97.5.

The magazine says the ranking shows that mid-sized cities with low populations tend to rank the highest year after year.

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Vancouver's a great place to hang out and relax. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thriple threat. Cities work on shark-fin ban

For Vancouver city councillor Kerry Jang, three is better than one when it comes to banning the sale of shark-fin products.

Jang says it's important for Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond to work together on a by-law that would ban the sale and trade of shark fin.

He will introduce a motion once council resumes in September, asking city staff to work with Burnaby and Richmond on ways to remove the Chinese delicacy from menus.

Jang has had discussions with the mayors and councillors at the other two cities.

"We felt that the best way to go forward was to create a ban that would happen simultaneously in all three cities," Jang said Wednesday. "If only one city banned it, then people could just cross the bridge, go to the next city, and vice versa."

The consumption of shark fin in Vancouver has dropped considerably over the years within the Chinese community because of changing attitudes, he added.

Jang pointed out that last November some of the top restaurants in Hong Kong, like the Shangri-La, voluntarily opted out of serving the delicacy.

"It was very important because it sent a clear message that you can be a top-notch restaurant and impress your guests without having to serve endangered species," he said.

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City fleet plugged in

Who will drive them?
The city department will use 11 of the i-MiEVs and two will be used by the park board

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Mayor Gregor Robertson takes an electric car for a spin Wednesday after announcing the city's purchase of 13 new Mitsubishi i-MiEV cars to the municipal vehicle fleet. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Vancouver's municipal vehicle fleet just got greener.

The city claims that it now has the "greenest municipal fleet in Canada" after the purchase of 13 new electric Mitsubishi i-MiEV cars.

"We recognize that the city plays a really important role in leading the way and setting the example in its operations, and demonstrating what a greenest city looks like in our city-run buildings, in our facilities, and all of our operations, including our transportation," Robertson told reporters outside city hall Wednesday.

City engineer Peter Judd said the new cars — which cost about $28,000 each after rebate — will be used for general purposes such as parking enforcement and building inspections.

The city estimates it will save $20,800 annually in fuel and maintenance costs and reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by 29,000 kilograms per year.

Up to 17 additional i-MiEVs, which can travel up to 150 kilometres between charges, will be purchased next year.

Robertson said he expects more Vancouverites to choose the electric-vehicle route in the future.

"Vancouver had the highest adoption rate of hybrid vehicles, we certainly see that with our cabs," he said. "And I expect with electric vehicles, we'll be at the forefront."

Going green

- The city's electric vehicle fleet now consists of 16 i-MiEVs, one Nissan Leaf, 2 scooters, eight ice re-surfacers, 23 utility vehicles, three fork and manual lift units, and eight electric bikes.

Veteran returns to France 70 years later

Seven decades ago this month, a young Roy Wozniak flew his spitfire over Dieppe as thousands of Canadian troops stormed the French beach to their deaths.

Now 93, the West Vancouver resident will return to the site of the devastating Second World War raid as part of a government-led commemoration ceremony.

Despite the lapse in time, Wozniak's memory of Aug. 19, 1942 is clear.

As an allied pilot, it was Wozniak's job to shoot down any German plane that came close to allied ships.

Even with the smoke from the ships clouding their vision, the spitfires did their job well, shooting down six German planes. But the boats couldn't escape the bullets of enemies on shore.

Troops on the beach fared even worse. In total, more than 3,000 Canadian soldiers were killed, captured or wounded, some as soon as they stepped on the beach. Wozniak's friend and roommate was among the dead.

Quoted

"It was a vicious battle. I was shot up pretty badly, my aircraft was."

Vetran Roy Wozniak, speaking about Dieppe

Ed Gardner, son of then-minister of ggriculture Jimmy Gardner, was one of three men to be shot out of the sky that day.

"He was more like a brother to me," said Wozniak.

With a year of living and serving side by side, the roommates had plenty of time to bond. Just two months prior to Dieppe, they were two of just four Canadian pilots to escape a devastating raid.

Wozniak paid a visit to his old friend's gravesite at Dieppe about 15 years after the raid, but he hasn't been back since.

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Seeking the sensei of speed-eating

Ready, set, gobble. Participant in the inaugural Japadog Eating Contest says he wants to test his 'manly eating vigour'

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Evan Crowe will compete in the first-ever Japadog eating competition at the Vancouver International Airport on Friday. ELIZABETH HAMES/FOR METRO

As Evan Crowe will tell you, it's no easy feat to become Vancouver's top dog.

But he hopes to earn the title this Friday, when he stuffs his gullet with as many teriyaki-flavoured hotdogs as he can in 10 minutes.

He's one of six participants in the first-ever Japadog Eating Contest at Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

The winner will be crowned top dog and receive a prize of $250 YVR bucks. If a stomach full of wasabi isn't enough, they'll also get a $50 Japadog gift certificate.

Even the losers won't go home empty-handed. All contestants receive $15 YVR bucks and a $10 Japadog gift certificate.

Crowe said he and his friend — both "huge Japadog fans" — signed each other up as a joke to test their "manly eating vigour."

He's not really a big eater, and he certainly wouldn't consider competitive eating a hobby. But now that he's been chosen by organizers to participate, Crowe has no plans for backing out.

Since he received the call on Tuesday, he's been eating a bit more than usual and, he said, he will fast on Thursday to prepare for the contest.

At about a minute and a half per 'dog, he thinks he can eat six or seven of the popular fusion street food.

Even if he doesn't win, chances are he'll beat his personal best: one Japadog.

"I've never been hungry enough or economically inclined to say I really want another," he said.

The contest kicks off at 12:30 p.m. near the Spirit of Haida Gwaii: Jade Canoe sculpture near the International Departure gates.

It's part of YVR's Take-Off Fridays event, which turns the airport into an entertainment hotspot every Friday this summer.

The Vancouver Aquarium's AquaVan will also be part of the package tomorrow. Kids are invited to explore the AquaVan's "touch tables," a sort of marine petting zoo.

Check out yvr.ca for more information.

Fundraising, world-record-seeking young pilot lands in Vancouver

Everyone responds to grief differently, and sometimes the impact of losing a loved one is so profound it sets dreams as big as the whole world in motion.

Such was the case for 22-year-old Carlo Schmid, a Swiss pilot and banker who lost his mother to cancer two years ago. After her death, he decided to try to become the youngest pilot in history to fly around the world solo in a single-engine plane in 80 days. On top of entering the record books, he set himself a goal of raising 100,000 Swiss francs ($101,233) for UNICEF girls'-education projects in India.

Carlo Schmid CONTRIBUTED/RTW2012

"I just was a small dreamer," he said Wednesday of his life before the loss. "I didn't have the project management (needed to) fly around the world so professional. After that date I decided to do it professional, and I also wanted a connection, when I dedicated it to my mom, with UNICEF."

The current world record was set in 2007 by then-23-year-old U.S. pilot Irving Barrington, whose place Schmid hopes to take in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Schmid departed from Zurich, Switzerland, on July 22 in a six-seat Cessna 210, and plans to land it back there on Sept. 29. If all goes according to plan, by then he will have visited 43 towns in 21 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America.

The average age of his 13-member team of managers, marketers and advisers is 24, he said, and all of them are volunteers.

"The team is the heart of the project, so for me it's really, really special," he said.

The young aviator gave a presentation about his project, dubbed RTW2012 or Round The World for Children, on Wednesday to students at EC Vancouver, an English-language school partnered with one of his sponsors, Pro Linguis.

He'll stay with a host family in North Vancouver until Sunday, and plans to take some sailing lessons with the students and visit Bowen Island later this week.

So far, Schmid is more than halfway to his fundraising goal.

To donate, visit rtw2012.com. KATE WEBB/METRO

Murky waters. Canada gets good grades in study examining global ocean health

A report card on ocean health put out by UBC researchers paints a bleak picture.

The Ocean Health Index, a joint effort between UBC and University of California researchers, handed the world's oceans an average rating of 60 out of 100.

To determine the ratings, authors created 10 objectives coastal countries need to achieve to ensure the health of their oceans.

Each country was then rated on how well they met those goals.

The goals covered a variety of topics, such as sustainable harvesting of seafood, protecting species and habitats, minimizing pollution and ensuring food for local communities.

Sierra Leone received the lowest score, at 36 points, out of 100, while Jarvis Island, with a score of 86, came out on top.

Canada tied the Netherlands for ninth place, earning 70 points.

ELIZABETH HAMES/FOR METRO

Quoted

"Although Canada did comparatively well, it has so far set aside only one per cent of its waters as marine protected areas."

Daniel Pauly, study's co-author

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U.S. army general accused of opulence could be demoted

'Kip' Ward. Highest-rank officer faces multiple allegations of improperly spending hundreds of thousands of dollars

Gen. William "Kip" Ward
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

A four-star U.S. army general who was the first head of the new U.S. Africa Command is under investigation and faces possible demotion for allegedly spending hundreds of thousands of dollars improperly on lavish travel, hotels and other items, The Associated Press has learned.

Gen. William "Kip" Ward has been under investigation for about 17 months, and Defence Secretary Leon Panetta is expected to make a final decision on the matter before the end of the month, according to several defence officials.

The defence officials said Ward is facing numerous allegations that he spent several hundred thousand dollars allowing unauthorized people, including family members, to fly on government planes, and spent excessive amounts of money on hotel rooms, transportation and other expenses when he travelled as head of Africa Command.

A four-star general is the highest rank in the U.S. army.

While the exact amount of alleged misspending was not disclosed, the estimated total raises comparisons with the $823,000 allegedly spent by dozens of employees of the General Services Administration, who were accused of lavish spending during an October 2010 conference at a Las Vegas resort.

Officials described the investigation to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because it is a personnel matter and the report on the investigation has not been released publicly.

The Defence Department inspector general has completed its investigation into Ward's activities, and the issue is under legal review.

A request for comment from Ward was not immediately fulfilled Wednesday.

Panetta's options regarding Ward are limited by complex laws and military guidelines. Panetta can demote Ward and force him to retire at a lower rank. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hundreds of families forced out of settlement

Elsy Castillo, 25, and her eight-year-old daughter Dairl, react as they are forced to leave the area near the Jacobo Arbenz housing settlement by the military and police in Guatemala City on Wednesday. Security forces evicted about 200 families from vacant lots that they took over in January. RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American Samoa

Judge finds N.Z. fishing co. guilty

A federal jury has convicted a New Zealand fishing company of dumping oil waste into U.S. waters outside American Samoa, and falsifying records. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scottish terror group

Bomb threat suspect indicted

A member of a Scottish terror group was indicted Wednesday on charges he emailed bomb threats that disrupted campus life at the University of Pittsburgh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

9-11 memorial

Toss out cross lawsuit: Lawyers

Lawyers for a 9-11 memorial say a judge should toss out a lawsuit by an atheist group seeking to stop a display of a cross-shaped beam found among WTC wreckage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bladder trouble

Prince Philip, 91, back in hospital

Queen Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, was admitted to hospital in Aberdeen, Scotland, on Wednesday with a recurrence of the bladder infection he suffered earlier this summer.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Robbery at icon's home

Steve Jobs' wallet had a dollar inside

The burglar who broke into Steve Jobs's house made off with the Apple co-founder's wallet with a dollar inside and his driver's licence along with Apple gadgets and jewelry, says a police report.

The suspect, Kariem McFarlin, 35, allegedly targeted the unoccupied Palo Alto, Calif., home because it was under renovation. Jobs died last October.

Also taken were iPhones, iPads, iPods, Mac computers, Cristal Champagne and $60,000 worth of Tiffany & Co. jewelry.

McFarlin has been jailed on $500,000 bail.

He faces almost eight years in prison if convicted.

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'Oh my god!'

Gunfire, panic in temple rampage

Gunfire can be heard in recordings of emergency calls from the scene of the shooting that killed six worshippers at a Sikh temple in the U.S.

Milwaukee County authorities on Wednesday released tapes from the Aug. 5 attack at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin.

As one caller says "There's a shooting," gunfire can be heard.

Another woman calls to report seeing someone shot. At one point, a dispatcher says, "Oh my god!"

White supremacist Wade Michael Page opened fire at the temple before shooting himself.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two dozen cities

Global rallies for Pussy Riot band

Rallies urging freedom for members of Pussy Riot will be held Friday before a Russian court rules on their fate. The three women have been in jail for five months because of an anti-Putin prank.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Town's double dose of grief

Carnage in Syria. Two savage bombing raids kill at least 20, including a baby; women and children among the wounded

Syrian fighter jets swooped in low over the rebel-held town of Azaz Wednesday in two bombing runs that sent panicked civilians fleeing for cover and reduced homes to rubble.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 23 people died in the double airstrike and more than 200 were wounded.

Mohammed Nour, a local activist reached by phone, put the death toll at 25. Neither figure could be independently confirmed.

One man was pulled bloodied but alive from the wreckage of destroyed homes.

"God is great! God is great!" yelled his rescuers.

Nearby, a woman sat on the pile of bricks that once was her home, cradling a dead baby.

Two other bodies lay next to her, covered in blankets.

"I saw the plane come down and some missiles fall and then there was smoke all over," said Mohammed Fuad, 18, who lives near the site of the attacks.

"When it cleared, we heard screaming and saw rubble all over the streets."

The attack came on the same day the United Nations released a report accusing Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces of war crimes in the killings of more than 100 civilians — nearly half of them children — in the village of Houla in May.

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Attack scene

Azaz, about 48 kilometres north of Aleppo, considers itself "liberated" since rebel forces pushed out the army in a series of gritty street battles last month. Its largest rebel group, the Northern Storm Brigade, runs a prison and the nearby border crossing with Turkey.

Injured but alive: Syrians leave a field hospital in Azaz after an airstrike Wednesday. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seeking new ideas

Baird thinks again over $2 million

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has abruptly changed his mind about giving $2 million to a Syrian-Canadian group so it could buy medical supplies.

The Canadian Press has learned Baird has told officials to find another way to get the supplies to Syria.

The government announced on the weekend that Canadian Relief for Syria would be given the $2 million to provide medical care to people caught up in the ongoing conflict.

But a government source says Baird is concerned that some of the funds will be used for warehouses and other infrastructure.

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E-dealer. Canadians among the top users of illicit drug website

Marijuana is the top-selling drug on the Silk Road site. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadians are among the top sellers and buyers of marijuana, steroids, cocaine and other drugs available at the click of a mouse on an anonymous website that functions like a black market version of eBay, a study has found.

The website, called Silk Road, uses a digital currency to protect online purchases, and an anonymity software to conceal users' identities online, making it very difficult for law enforcement agents to locate the site's servers or its participants.

Nicolas Christin, a cyber security professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., said the website is growing at an alarming rate, with total revenues estimated at $1.9 million per month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Accidental incident

Don't keep a gun in your pocket

A man accidentally shot himself in the buttocks Tuesday at a cinema in Nevada during a showing of The Bourne Legacy. The man told officers the gun fell from his pocket and discharged. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexican forests

Logging axed in butterfly reserve

Illegal logging has nearly been eliminated in the western Mexico wintering grounds of the monarch butterfly, thanks in part to an anti-logging patrol program, a new research report says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Centuries-old sunken ship brought back from the deep

Dry land. Researchers at Texas university try to reconstruct French explorer's vessel with the help of a gigantic freeze-dryer

More than three centuries ago, a French explorer's ship sank in the Gulf of Mexico, taking with it France's hopes of colonizing a vast piece of the New World — modern-day Texas.

Like La Salle in 1685, researchers at Texas A&M University are in uncharted waters as they try to reconstruct his vessel with a gigantic freeze-dryer, the first undertaking of its size.

Quoted

"People can see firsthand how history can turn on a dime."

Jim Bruseth, who led the Texas Historical Commission effort to recover the remains of the sunken ship La Belle

The hull of the 17th-century French ship La Belle is shown at the Texas A&M University Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation in Bryan, Texas. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By placing the ship, named La Belle, in a constant environment of up to -50 C, more than 300 years of moisture will be safely removed from hundreds of European oak and pine timbers and planks.

Researchers will then rebuild the 16.5-metre vessel, which will become the centerpiece of the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin.

From a historical perspective, it's "an icon of a small event that dramatically changed the course of Texas history," said Jim Bruseth, who led the Texas Historical Commission effort to recover the remains.

The supply ship was built in 1684 and sank two years later in a storm on Matagorda Bay, about midway between Galveston and Corpus Christi.

"When La Belle sank, that doomed La Salle's colony and opened up the door for Spain to come in and occupy Texas," Bruseth said. "People can see firsthand how history can turn on a dime." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Repentant Japan recalls WWII, seeks forgiveness

Nation's PM mourns the dead. His message: 'We have caused tremendous damage and pain to many countries ...'

Family members and relatives of war dead lay flowers during a memorial service in Tokyo on Wednesday. SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Japan marked the 67th anniversary of its Second World War surrender with a sombre ceremony in the capital Wednesday.

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda mourned the war dead and apologized to victims of Japanese wartime atrocities.

"We have caused tremendous damage and pain to many countries, particularly the Asian people, during the war," Noda said.

"We deeply regret that and sincerely mourn for those who were sacrificed and their relatives. We will not repeat the same mistake."

Meanwhile, regional tensions flared on the emotional anniversary. Activists from China and South Korea used the occasion to press claims to disputed sea territory.

A group of 14 people travelled by boat from Hong Kong to a set of uninhabited islands controlled by Japan but also claimed by China and Taiwan. Japanese police said they arrested five of them who swam ashore.

China urged Japan to refrain from taking action that could endanger Chinese citizens. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Attacks fly as U.S. race gets increasingly heated

U.S. President Barack Obama looks on as Michelle Obama speaks during a campaign stop on Wednesday in Iowa. CHARLIE NEIBERGAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks to travelling press secretary Rick Gorka on Wednesday in Ohio. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Election. Romney accuses Obama of running campaign driven by 'hatred'; Obama says that his rival's hawking 'trickle-down snake oil'

Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney said U.S. President Barack Obama is running a campaign driven by "division and attack and hatred" and called on him Wednesday to lift the tone of political discourse.

In a close and increasingly acrimonious race, Romney went on national television to say he thinks Obama is "running just to hang onto power, and I think he would do anything in his power" to remain in office.

They were some of Romney's harshest words yet against the president. He was interviewed on CBS television from the battleground state of Ohio, one of fewer than 10 key states that will help decide the November election.

Closing out a three-day bus journey across the Midwestern state of Iowa, Obama did not respond to the Romney attack, but accused his opponent in the Nov. 6 presidential election of "trying to sell this trickle-down snake oil before."

Many business-friendly Republicans maintain that creating a better economic climate for top income earners and big corporations produces benefits that spread downward to lower-income workers.

Obama insists that Romney and his newly named vice-presidential running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, have laid out a program that reprises the economic policies of former President George W. Bush: Big tax breaks for the wealthy and cuts to the social safety net for older Americans and the needy.

He blamed that economic philosophy for leading the country into the deepest economic downturn since the Great Depression, saying Republicans were responsible for middle- and low-income wages stagnating or falling since the turn of the century.

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Fall. Penn State to host child-sex-abuse conference

Penn State announced Wednesday that it will host a national child-sex-abuse conference this fall, the latest in a series of initiatives designed to raise awareness of the issue and help the university recover from a devastating molestation scandal.

The gathering scheduled for Oct. 29 and 30 in State College will feature academic and clinical experts on childhood molestation and trauma, as well as remarks by retired boxing champ Sugar Ray Leonard and former kidnapping victim Elizabeth Smart, both of whom suffered sexual abuse.

"Penn State has made a commitment to becoming a leader in the research, prevention and treatment of child abuse, and this conference is an important part of that," university President Rodney Erickson said in a statement.

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Paterno book

Joe Paterno sobbed while meeting with his coaches and a former player the day after he was fired from Penn State, according to an excerpt of an upcoming book on Paterno to be published in GQ magazine.

- "I have spent my whole life trying to make (my) name mean something. And now it's gone," Paterno is quoted as telling his son.

Caregiving

'Silver tsunami' PSA launched

There's a campaign beginning Thursday to raise awareness of the heavy impact of family caregiving as the U.S. ages — and to point overwhelmed families toward resources that may ease the strain.

In a new public-service ad, a woman grips her car's steering wheel as her frail father, on oxygen, coughs beside her and her kids play in the back seat. The frustration is recognizable to millions who struggle to care for aging loved ones while holding down jobs and raising children.

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Only two per cent of Canadians deny climate change: Poll

Paradigm change. Poll comes after Alberta election, in which it is believed the Wildrose Party lost when party leader Danielle Smith refused to admit climate change exists

51 per cent of Canadians believe fossil fuels will still be used after the year 2050 for electricity production in Canada. GETTY IMAGES

Only two per cent of Canadians who responded to a new opinion poll believe climate change is not occurring.

The findings are in a survey conducted by Insightrix Research, Inc. for IPAC-CO2 Research Inc., a Regina-based centre that studies carbon capture and storage.

The online poll of 1,550 people was done between May 29 and June 11.

The results were released on Wednesday.

"Our survey indicates that Canadians from coast to coast overwhelmingly believe climate change is real and is occurring, at least in part due to human activity," said centre CEO Carmen Dybwad.

Respondents were asked where they stood on the issue of climate change.

Almost one-third — 32 per cent — said they believe climate change is happening because of human activity, while 54 per cent said they believe it's because of human activity and partially due to natural climate variation.

Nine per cent believe climate change is occurring due to natural climate variation.

Two per cent said they don't believe climate change is occurring at all.

The opinions about the cause of climate change and how to combat it are divided among the provinces and by region.

According to the survey, Prairie respondents are least likely to believe that climate change is occurring due to human activity, while residents of Quebec, Atlantic Canada and British Columbia are most likely to hold this belief.

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Thai customs officials stand next to a haul of ivory that was confiscated and shown at a news conference in Bangkok on July 17. According to Thai and foreign law-enforcement officers, Thai customs officials work hand in hand with ivory traffickers to ensure that other shipments through Suvarnabhumi International Airport are whisked off before they even reach customs inspection. APICHART WEERAWONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Top dogs of wildlife trafficking slipping through the cracks

Smuggling. Kingpins appear to be taking advantage of corrupt cops and officials

Squealing tiger cubs stuffed into carry-on bags. Luggage packed with hundreds of squirming tortoises, elephant tusks, even water dragons and American paddlefish. Officials at Thailand's gateway airport proudly tick off the illegally trafficked wildlife they have seized over the past two years.

But Thai and foreign law-enforcement officers tell another story: Officials working hand in hand with traffickers ensure that other shipments through Suvarnabhumi International Airport are whisked off before they even reach customs inspection.

It's a murky mix. A 10-fold increase in wildlife law-enforcement actions, including seizures, has been reported in the past six years in Southeast Asia. Yet the trade's Mr. Bigs, masterful in taking advantage of pervasive corruption, appear immune to arrest and continue to orchestrate the decimation of wildlife in Thailand, the region and beyond.

And Southeast Asia's honest cops don't have it easy.

"It is very difficult for me. I have to sit among people who are both good and some who are corrupt," says Chanvut Vajrabukka, a retired police general. "If I say, 'You have to go out and arrest that target,' some in the room may well warn them," says Chanvut, who now advises ASEAN-WEN, the regional wildlife enforcement network.

Several kingpins, says wildlife activist Steven Galster, have recently been confronted by authorities, "but in the end, good uniforms are running into, and often stopped by, bad uniforms. It's like a bad Hollywood cop movie."

Recently, Lt.-Col. Adtaphon Sudsai, a highly regarded, outspoken officer, was instructed to lay off what had seemed an open-and-shut case he cracked four years ago when he penetrated a gang smuggling pangolin along the Mekong River.

This led him to Mrs. Daoreung Chaimas, alleged by conservation groups to be one of Southeast Asia's biggest tiger dealers. Despite being arrested twice, having her own assistants testify against her and DNA testing that showed two cubs were not offspring from zoo-bred parents as she claimed, Daoreung remains free and the case may never go to the prosecutor's office.

Daoreung is the wife of a police officer.

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Shady deals

- Officials at the airport, one of Asia's busiest, acknowledge corruption exists, but downplay its extent.
- Another shortfall in the system is the multiple agencies that often don't co-operate.
- Each with a role at Bangkok's airport: the police, national parks department, customs, immigration, military and CITES, all of which regulate international trade in endangered species.

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China the top consumer of illegal animal goods

The issue of animal smuggling is prevalent elsewhere in Southeast Asia, the prime funnel for wildlife destined for the world's No. 1 consumer — China — where many animal parts are consumed in the belief they have medicinal or aphrodisiacal properties.

Most recently, a torrent of rhino horn and elephant tusks has poured through Asia from Africa, which is suffering the greatest slaughter of these two endangered animals in decades. Vietnam was singled out last month by the World Wide Fund for Nature as the top destination country for the highly prized rhino horn.

Tens of thousands of birds, mostly parrots and cockatoos plucked from the wild, are being imported from the Solomon Islands into Singapore, often touted as one of Asia's least corrupt nations, in violation of CITES, the international convention on wildlife trade.

According to TRAFFIC, the international body monitoring wildlife trade, the imported birds are listed as captive-bred, even though it's known that the Pacific Ocean islands have virtually no breeding facilities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Thai customs officer shows an Indian gharial, a type of crocodile, with its mouth tied at a news conference last year on wildlife seized in Bangkok. APICHART WEERAWONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A young Indian roofed turtle crawls on the fingers of a customs officer in this 2011 photo.
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Baghdad bombings kill 10; death toll rises

Iraq. al-Qaida attempts to reassert itself

Three bomb blasts shortly before sunset Wednesday killed 10 people north of Baghdad in the latest spasm of violence to grip Iraq.

The blasts underscored the volatility of the country eight months after the last U.S. troops pulled out. Insurgents, led by the local branch of al-Qaida, are trying to re-establish themselves in their old strongholds and undermine the government.

The first bomb went off on Wednesday in Baqouba, about 60 kilometres northeast of the Iraqi capital. Police said two civilians and one police officer were killed, and five people were wounded.

Minutes later, authorities said, a car bomb exploded at the entrance of the main market in Muqdadiyah, about 90 kilometres north of Baghdad. A second blast struck as police arrived on the scene. Police said the toll for both bombings in the town was seven killed and 26 wounded.

The bombs exploded shortly before the ceremonial breaking of the daily fast during the holy month of Ramadan, when families and friends gather for a sunset meal. Police said the Muqdadiyah market was crowded with shoppers who were buying last-minute supplies for the "iftar" meal.

Baqouba and Muqdadiyah are both located in the province of Diyala, a former stronghold of al-Qaida's Iraqi branch. The province is home to both Sunni and Shiite Muslims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Who's responsible?

- There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombings, though large co-ordinated bombings are often the work of al-Qaida's local franchise.
- The al-Qaida offshoot, known as the Islamic State of Iraq, has declared its intentions to reclaim areas from which it was routed by the U.S. and its local allies. It has for years had a hot-and-cold relationship with the global terror network's leadership.

Violence. Grenades thrown into Afghan mosque compound

Nearly two dozen Afghan civilians were wounded on Wednesday when two grenades exploded inside a mosque compound and a bicycle bomb blew up in a city market, officials said.

The violence came a day after bomb blasts around Afghanistan killed at least 50 people in the deadliest day for civilians this year, as Taliban insurgents and other militants ramp up violence across the country.

The Taliban summer offensive coincides with Afghan police and soldiers taking on more responsibility for security while international forces start to withdraw.

Separately, NATO reported that one of its service members was killed Wednesday in an insurgent attack in the east. NATO did not disclose the nationality of the soldier or provide any more details.

The U.S. military reported that one of its soldiers died in a roadside bombing Wednesday, also in eastern Afghanistan. So far this year, 286 international troops have been killed in Afghanistan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A wounded man is carried at the scene of an explosion in Herat, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday. HOSHANG HASHIMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Assault

Iraqi hero among five arrested in sex attack

An Iraqi man hailed as a hero for helping U.S. soldiers in Iraq is one of five Iraqis accused of rape-related charges after a woman suffered serious injuries during a sex assault in Colorado Springs.

Jasim Mohammed Hassin Ramadon, 22, was charged with sexual assault and being an accessory after he was arrested Tuesday in connection with the July 22 attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court

Arab naval officer loses U.S. lawsuit

A naval officer from the United Arab Emirates has lost a lawsuit that claimed he didn't pay a domestic servant for long hours of work.

A federal judge in Rhode Island signed an order of default Monday against Col. Arif Mohamed Saeed Mohamed Al-Ali. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel

War with Iran could be costly: Defence chief

An Israeli attack on Iran's nuclear program could trigger a bloody monthlong war on multiple fronts, killing hundreds of Israelis or more, the Israeli Cabinet's civil defence chief warned in an interview published Wednesday.

It was the most explicit assessment yet of how the government sees events unfolding in the aftermath of an Israeli attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Libya

Red Cross increases outreach

The International Committee of the Red Cross says it is reaching out to Libyans to counter suspicions about the relief agency's work in eastern and central Libya, following attacks there. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Women virtually untapped in beer market: BMO report

Brewing competition.
Looking for low- cal, light beer: Expert

It's been mostly a man's world when it comes to beer.

Women are a big, untapped market for North American beer brewers as they face more competition from wine and spirits and specialty craft brewers, says a Bank of Montreal report.

"At this juncture, 80 per cent of beer sales are sold to guys," said David Rinneard, national manager of agriculture at BMO.

What women want is low-calorie, lighter-flavoured beer and beer-based beverages, he said Wednesday from Toronto.

Brewers will appeal to female sensibilities with these niche products along with commercials and marketing targeted at women, he said.

On the wagon

Per-capita consumption of beer remains flat in Canada and has fallen in the United States, the bank's study said.

- One of the challenges ahead for the North American brewing industry is the scorching temperatures this summer that could push up prices.
- Prices for barley, wheat and, to a lesser extent, hops have been going up.

"They're making a diligent effort and attempt to go after that new market."

Calories also are "unquestionably" a factor in getting women to drink more beer, Rinneard said, adding men can also be calorie conscious.

Traditionally, women weren't pursued by brewers because they didn't need the market with the "prosperous" and defined market of male beer drinkers, Rinneard said.

Beer for women is starting to make some inroads. "Chick Beer" is an American craft-brewed beer specifically aimed at women and boasts just 97 calories, 3.5 carbs per bottle and 4.2 per cent alcohol.

For the calorie conscious, there's Molson Ultra with 2.5 grams of carbohydrates, 97 calories and 4.5 per cent alcohol.

As wine and spirits affect beer consumption and the population ages, brewers have to look for other growth opportunities, Rinneard said.

"In essence, they're competing for a defined or limited amount of stomach space, if you can call it that."

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Samsung shooting for Apple

Baz Luhrmann, a movie writer, director and producer, discusses at a news conference on Wednesday how he has recently been using a Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1. Samsung Electronics Co.'s release is the latest shot at the dominance of Apple's iPad with a tablet equipped with a digital pen and a faster processor at the same price tag. The Wi-Fi-only version of the Galaxy Note 10.1 will go on sale in the U.S. on Thursday. The price starts at $499 US for the basic model with 16 gigabytes of storage and $549 for the 32-gigabyte model, expandable with an external memory card. Apple's latest iPad starts at the same price but the Note 10.1 offers some features that the iPad doesn't have, while its screen resolution is lower than the iPad's.

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Patent infringement

Lululemon takes Calvin Klein to court

Trendy yoga-gear maker Lululemon Athletica Inc.'s signature body-hugging pants have become so integral to the popularity of the brand that it is suing Calvin Klein Inc. for patent infringement over a very similar design.

Lululemon Athletica has filed a lawsuit in the U.S. accusing PVH Corp.'s Calvin Klein and G-III Apparel Group Ltd. of infringing on three different patents covering a specific overlapping style of waistband.

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STUDY SAYS WE'RE SILLY GOOSES

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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A couple of enlightening new surveys released this month show that many Canadians are oblivious, dog-like fools. None of the articles written about the studies started that way, mind you, but I think the news was buried.

What the stories did say was that many Canadians — myself included — manage their money with all the success of Research in Motion. Roughly half of us have no emergency savings, and a good chunk of young people plan to retire early but haven't actually started saving, you know, money.

Some of the reasons youth gave for not saving are a little baffling, as if I just made them up or something:

- 40 per cent plan to cash out their World of Warcraft gold, ignoring the fact that Mario coins have barely appreciated in value.
- 33 per cent have "liked" Retirement Savings on Facebook multiple times and don't know what more they could possibly do.
- Five per cent have access to the Fox News channel, and thus assumed socialist welfare state would cover costs.

Freedom fuddled

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It'd be one thing for a survey to show that, say, Canadians are overweight and unhealthy. But if the same survey showed that obese, chain-smoking Canadians had plans to compete at Rio, we might start questioning our mental-health system too.

Not that I'm one to talk.

I personally always keep several thousand dollars in my mattress for when the McRib comes back. But other than that, I am a typical, cash-confused Canadian.

My emergency savings consist of a jar in my apartment where I throw pennies, so that once it's full enough I can complain about how useless pennies are. A penny saved is a waste of time, I always say.

As for retirement, I plan to die retroactively at 27.

In other words, I feel Canada's financial pain. Or, more specifically, I don't feel it, which is the problem.

This is where we're like dogs. If you have a dog and he eats your food while you're out, you know it's pointless to discipline him; the crime and the punishment are too far apart, and he'll wonder why you're suddenly upset that he's licking himself for the 27th time that day.

As with global warming, we don't see the negative consequences right away, so we can't do the right thing.

It would be helpful if ATMs jolted you with 10,000 volts at every withdrawal, or if our credit cards were designed to give us nasty paper cuts.

Maybe if the bank teller scratched us behind the ear and told us we were good every time we made a deposit, we'd do it more often. If banks start doing this, please let me know. I'll be in your debt. And if my track record holds, most likely forever.

Want to plan for retirement with no money? Ha! ISTOCK

Philippines turns into Venice

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Stormy weather

Natural disasters return to islands

Tropical storm Kai-Tak is battering the Philippines, with the islands still recovering from the last deadly storm just a week ago. Many roads are knee-deep in water, and at least four deaths have already been confirmed. Forecasters are hoping that Kai-Tak will be out of the Philippines by the end of the week. **METRO**

Trash at epidemic levels

"On a daily basis, at least 1,900 tonnes of garbage are collected during normal weather. During storm-related calamities, the volume increases five-fold."

Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim

Worst Philippine storms

- **Nesat.** Struck in 2011, and spread as far as China. Caused over $1 billion US in damage and 747 deaths.
- **Parma.** Killed 465 people and caused over $600 million US in damage in 2009.
- **Fengshen.** Not as strong but impact worsened by poor forecasting; it killed over 1,300 people when it struck in 2008.

Coping methods

Finding ways to survive floods

The Philippines is hit by an average of 20 storms per year, and the locals have found ways to adapt. During storms hundreds of thousands of people move into evacuation centres including schools, gymnasiums and government buildings. In the coastal areas, many homes have to be repeatedly rebuilt. **METRO**

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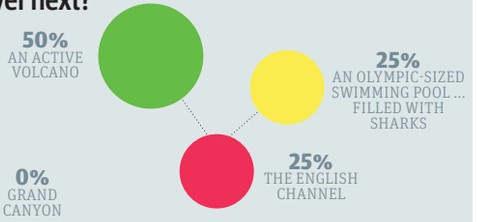

Twitter

@DesireeMGray: Wow, its already been a year. Rip Rick Rypien. #foreveracanuck #37RYP #Canucks

@mattmariani86: One year ago we lost the man with the biggest heart in hockey and a true #beauty. RIP rick rypien #oneyearanniversary

@HockeyChick_: Never understood or appreciated the art of fighting until I saw Rick Rypien do it. The guy could dance with the best of em. #RIP #37RYP

@Proteautype: You're not forgotten, Rick Rypien. #MentalHealthAwareness

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Squamish festival gets set to go Live

Wintersleep plays the Live at Squamish Festival, which takes place Aug. 24 to 26. HANDOUT

Music. Everyone from the Tragically Hip to A Motown Tribute to Nickelback will be performing at the end of summer event

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There are a couple of ways you can look at the upcoming Live at Squamish festival. After all, it kind of unofficially marks the end of what feels like an abbreviated summer.

But let's look at this glass of sunshine as half full, another outdoor music festival framed by ocean, mountains and — hopefully — endless blue sky.

Headlined by the universally loved and loathed Tragically Hip (no letters please), Live at Squamish kicks off on Friday, Aug. 24 and runs all weekend until Sunday, Aug. 26. During that time, more than 40 acts will grace the festival's two stages, including City and Colour, Chromeo, Mother Mother, The Airborne Toxic Event, Lights, Wintersleep, Mark Farina, Humans, Luke McKeehan, and many more.

There's also something called A Motown Tribute to Nickelback, which is the brainchild of NYC pianist/arranger Scott Bradlee. This group performs Nickelback's entire oeuvre in an authentic Motown style. That, to me, regardless of whether you're a fan or anti-fan of Kroeger and company, is must-see stuff.

Oh, the Sheepdogs are still riding their five minutes of Rolling Stone magazine-cover fame: they're playing Saturday night before the Hip, if you care.

Remember, no liquids will be permitted inside the gate — bring a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated via the provided filling stations. Alternatively, bring a stack of money or your bank card. Small quantities of food permitted but there will be plenty of food-cart options, too. No glass containers, professional recording equipments or any other usual suspects permitted. Check the website for the full "No Fun List."

Surprisingly, you can go in and out of the festival grounds, as long as you have your wristband. And bring two pieces of government identification for the beer garden. Otherwise, you will be very thirsty and presumably very sober.

And remember, don't drink and drive, kids.

Weekend tickets are available through Ticketmaster for $189; or get them at the gate for $209. Single-day tickets are $119 through Ticketmaster — same at the gate.

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Hating the good guy the norm on Boss

Drama series. Troy Garity clashes with series star Kelsey Grammer in a show set in Chicago's political minefields

Troy Garity has identified four pillars of American life: the Government, the People, People with Money, and the Press.

At least, this theory serves him nicely on his Starz drama series Boss, where Garity plays a crusading newspaper editor who locks horns with the towering title character, Chicago Mayor Tom Kane, portrayed by series star Kelsey Grammer.

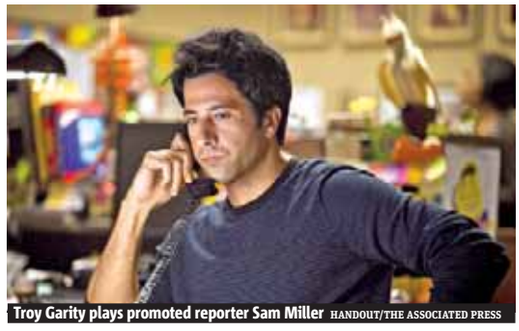
Garity relishes his role as Sam Miller, who, promoted from reporter for the scrappy Sentinel last season, now runs it.

"I'm a good source of agitation and conflict with our hero, the evil mayor," he says, even as he marvels at Kane's charismatic hold on the show's fictitious citizens and viewers alike.

"I'm actually doing the right thing," declares Garity. "But I'm vilified by the audience because I'm trying to take down the person the audience is rooting for."

In short, Sam Miller has a worthy adversary. As Boss begins its second season (Friday), Kane remains a titanic figure of charm, defiance and corruption. But at the same time human frailties haunt him, mostly in the form of a degenerative brain disease he is hellbent on hiding from the world.

"We're taught that we need to be in control of our lives," says Garity. "But however ruthless you are in cementing that control, there's always a higher power that can put you on bended knee."



Troy Garity plays promoted reporter Sam Miller HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

So the central question of Boss is this: How much longer can Tom Kane prevail, and what toxic cocktail of forces — his illness, his political foes, moneyed interests who feel he's betrayed them, his fractious family, the dogged Sam Miller — will finally spell his downfall?

"The mayor's under siege from all fronts," says Garity, almost as pleased with this glorious foil as with the actor who plays him (Grammer "is so professional and, considering how dark the show is, so light and giving.")

As it happens, Garity has firsthand knowledge of the political world and the glare of the press that inform Boss. Though he bears the surname of his paternal grandmother, his mother is Jane Fonda, the Oscar-winning actress, political activist and lifelong lightning-rod for the right. His father is Tom Hayden — activist, former California state senator and one-time member of the Chicago Eight.

"My father thinks I'm playing him," laughs Garity.

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Twits on Twitter. Charlie Sheen returns to social media to some fanfare

Charlie Sheen is back on Twitter and TV. FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

CASSANDRA GARRISON
Metro World News

He couldn't stay away for more than a month. Though our favourite tiger-blood-filled celeb made a highly publicized exit from Twitter, he's re-joined the social network just in time to promote himself.

Charlie Sheen showed signs of life Wednesday on his Twitter account, which has more than 4 million followers, to let everyone know his father will be guest starring this Thursday on his show Anger Management — and, of course, we should all tune in.

"It's on! My pop guest stars Thursday on Anger Management. Watch my dad show up as my dad 9:30 p.m. on FX. Best yet!!" Sheen tweeted.

He attached a photo of himself with his dad, Martin Sheen. The two are yukking it up over a couple of beers.

Sheen hasn't tweeted since July 13 when he told followers, "reach for the stars everyone. dogspeed cadre. c out."

The cryptic message mystified fans who eventually interpreted the tweet as Sheen's resignation from Twitter. The Twittersphere rejoiced at his re-entry today.

"Charlie!!!! We love you here in Greece!!!" one fan tweeted.

"omg your back on! Watched Anger Management yest & was great!!" another said.

But if Sheen wants to keep his reputation as a High Priest Vatican Assassin Warlock, he's going to have to tweet better than this.

No sequel for Stewart

While Rupert Sanders might still get to direct a follow-up to Snow White and the Huntsman, star Kristen Stewart reportedly won't be taking part, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

While a planned second film was set to follow Stewart's Snow White, studio Universal is now re-conceiving the sequel as a spin-off focusing on Chris Hemsworth's Huntsman.

"The studio is currently exploring options to continue the franchise," a Universal spokeswoman says. Sanders and Stewart made headlines when they acknowledged they'd been having an affair last month, though it's unclear if that situation had anything to do with the studio's decision.

Jean-Claude Van Damme

Van Damme cheated on wife with Kylie Minogue

Nearly 20 years later, Jean-Claude Van Damme confirms that yes, he did in fact cheat on his then-wife, Darcy LaPier, with singer Kylie Minogue while filming Street Fighter, according to the Guardian.

"Yes, yes, yes. It happened," Van Damme tells the newspaper. "It would be abnormal not to have had an affair, she's so beautiful and she was there in front of me every day with a beautiful smile, simpatico, so charming. She wasn't acting like a big star."

As for a more detailed recollection?

"You should ask her," he says. "She'll have a better memory. I'm 51 years old. Do you know how much I was punched in the face on The Expendables?"

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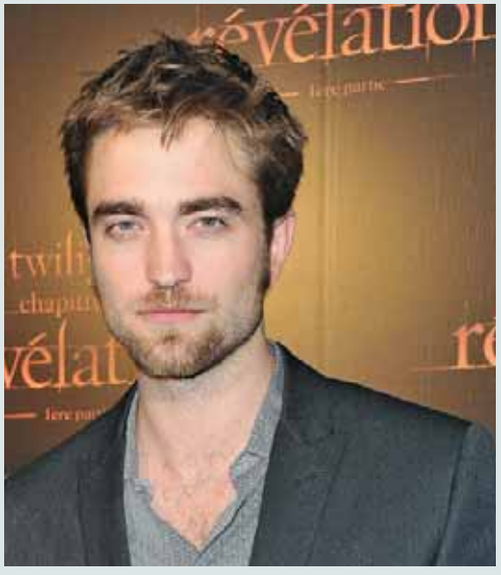

Pattinson dodging break-up questions

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With his latest film, Cosmopolis, set to hit theatres Friday, Robert Pattinson — who has never been one to talk about his personal life — has been at the mercy of the media.

He eased into things Monday with The Daily Show, where Jon Stewart playfully offered him a pint of break-up Ben & Jerry's before obediently asking him about the film that no one cared about.

But Good Morning America host George Stephanopoulos wasn't about to let dignity get in his way yesterday morning.

After Pattinson didn't voluntarily offer any details about how he's coping after the Kristen Stewart cheating scandal, Stephanopoulos pressed, "What do you want your fans to know about what's going on in your personal life?"

Pattinson finally offered some insight: "I'd like my fans to know that Cinnamon Toast Crunch is just 130 calories."

We're pretty sure this is as close as we're ever going to get to eating breakfast with Robert Pattinson. And we'll take it — even if that is one skimpy little bowl of Cinnamon Toast Crunch.

Jennifer Aniston. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Aniston's rocking a major rock

Jennifer Aniston has been hiding her engagement ring, but that won't stop us from talking about it. According to Life & Style, fiancé Justin Theroux is significantly poorer this week.

"It's a huge emerald-cut diamond," a "friend" of the couple tells the magazine of the eight-carat rock.

"It's a rectangle with tapered diamond baguettes on the sides."

We already feel creepy talking about this, so sure, let's go for broke: Angelina Jolie is wearing a similarly-cut engagement ring from Aniston's ex, Brad Pitt.

Miley seems proud of new hairdo

Miley Cyrus has caught some flack for the drastic bleach-blond haircut she debuted on Twitter this week, but she's not taking it seriously.

In fact, she's taken to tweeting inspiring affirmations.

"Self love is the greatest of all flatterers," she posted Monday, while the next day she followed up with "Energy flows where our intention goes. Create your day," accompanied by a picture of the pixie-haired singer lounging in bed.

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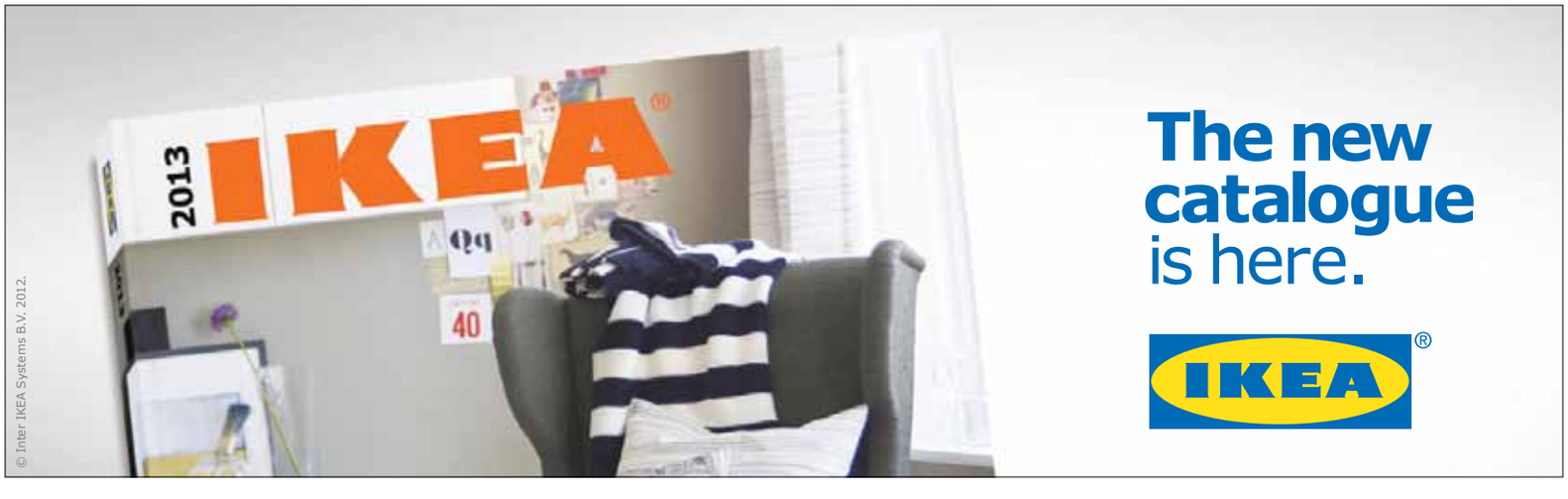

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@Jeanne_Beker: My daughter just took on a train with vintage luggage circa 1940. Cool but hard to travel with. What rules for travel: Style or function?

@JeffreyLuscombe
Style for train, function for plane.

@Jeanne_Beker
Hmmmm. Guess I should start taking trains more often!

@KarleighSergio
Your luggage should be function but you should always dress in style!

@Jeanne_Beker
Agreed!

@shine2u
Style.All style! Especially train travel

@Jeanne_Beker
Yeah--it is rather romantic after all.

@Whatsinmypurse
i think you can have both! Love function but would never give up style ...maybe compromise a wee bit

@Jeanne_Beker
I definitely think compromise is key--to all kinds of situations!

@charlottenurse
I have 3 hardshell suitcases from the 50s that I LOVE but are so impractical :(

@Jeanne_Beker
Tell me about it! We'll have to see how my daughter fares with hers...

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Halifax

Wendy Friedman
Owner of Biscuit General Store boutique
Age: 48

What she's wearing:
Axe & Apple necklace, Quiksilver Women dress, vintage Givenchy shoes,

Her inspiration:
"Sometimes I'm inspired by magazines, sometimes I dress according to my mood, but today I worked my outfit around my Downton-Abbey-inspired hair."

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Bison Sliders: Grilled eats with Native touch

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Wolfman shares his delicious recipe for Bison Sliders, which you can serve up on a traditional hamburger bun with all your favourite condiments.

Bison is a tender, lean red meat alternative. CHRIS CHIDSEY

Ingredients

- 500 g ground Bison meat
- 5 ml each of rosemary, thyme and chives, chopped finely
- 125 g wild rice, cooked
- 2 med eggs
- 5 ml Dijon mustard
- 15 ml chili paste
- salt and pepper to taste
- 50 g bread crumbs
- 20 ml olive oil

1. In a bowl mix the ground Bison meat, herbs and wild rice, then add the eggs, Dijon, chili paste, bread crumbs, salt and pepper and mix well. Form into small patties and chill for 30 minutes.

2. In a sauté pan, heat the oil, place the patties, cook until they are brown, turn over and repeat.

3. Remove from pan and place into the oven and cook until the internal temp is 165 F.

4. Serve on slider buns and with a salad such as a Jicama Slaw. Garnish with sliced tomato and spinach greens. Enjoy!

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Small space design tricks

Design centre. Making a tiny condo look bigger

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I live in a small, open-space condo. The living, dining room and kitchen feels like one room. How do I define each space? Can I do it with a few different paint colours?

If you want to make a small, open space feel larger, paint it all one neutral colour.

Keep in mind that you are painting one large room so the colour has to be rich enough to hold the entire space together. Use furniture arranging, art, mirrors and rugs to help define individual areas.

Go neutral with the long-term items like paint colour, soft furnishings and a dining table while add trend-setting colours in pillows, area rug and artwork.

Tall leaning mirror

In long, narrow spaces a tall sturdy mirror will help visually widen the area and reflect natural light deep into a dark area. Place a large mirror behind the dining table to help open up a tight area. There's no better value than Ikea's Mongstad mirror; at over three feet by six feet in size, the hefty frame can be painted a trendy colour or left its neutral brown/black. Mongstad Mirror, $99, Ikea.ca

Round table, $1485, casalife.com

A 42-54" round pedestal table is the perfect choice for in an open concept dining area. The round shape is easy to walk around (no corners to bump into) and the pedestal base offers more flexibility when seating guests. Casa Life's TAHA table fits the bill; its glass top and shiny stainless base reflects light and offers up a modern yet airy appearance.

Warm grey paint colour

Choose a trend-setting warm grey paint colour as a neutral backdrop to your furnishings and artwork. Don't be afraid to choose a darker tone. Benjamin Moore's Museum Piece CSP-40 is an excellent colour that will look good with almost anything.

Cedric Arm Chair, $549, UrbanBarn.com

Forego the traditional sofa and chairs for the living room and consider 4 matching club chairs for the space; creating a casual lounge feel will offer up more flexibility when you want to rearrange the room. The Cedric chair is a great choice as it is comfy and has trendy mid-century modern details like exposed wood and button detailing.

Zak Ryg, $1,250, crateandbarrel.com

A rug that acts as artwork will not only add colour and personality to a space but help ground and define the living area. The most popular sized rug is an 8x10 which always seems to fit into any room setting. The Zak rug from Crate and Barrel adds many trend colours to pull from.

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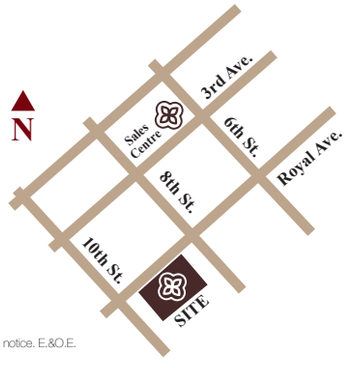

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NHL and players' union still worlds apart, says Bettman

CBA. 'Number of issues' still unresolved with time running out

With one month to go before the NHL's collective bargaining agreement expires, the league and players seem no closer to a deal than when talks began in June.

In fact, the divide may have grown even further.

It took commissioner Gary Bettman less than 24 hours to conclude that the first proposal from the NHL Players' Association held little appeal for the owners.

"There's still a wide gap between us with not much time to go," Bettman said Wednesday in Toronto.

"I do think it's fair to say that the sides are still apart — far apart — and have different views of the world and the issues," he added.

The current CBA expires Sept. 15 and Bettman has made it clear that the league will enact a work stoppage if a new deal isn't in place by then.

On Tuesday, the union put forth a proposal that included a smaller percentage of revenues for players over the next three seasons in exchange for an expanded revenue-sharing program to help struggling teams. The NHLPA estimated that players would be giving up $465 million US in salaries if the league continued on its pace of growth each season.

However, that math didn't add up for the league.

"I think it's fair to say that we value the proposal and what it means in terms of its economics differently than the players' association does," said Bettman. "I think there still are a number of issues where we're looking at the world differently. I'm not sure that there has yet been a recognition of the economics in our world — and I mean the greater world and the sports industry, taking into account what recently happened with the NFL and the NBA."

Both of those leagues went through recent lockouts before ultimately seeing the players' share in revenue reduced. The NHL's initial proposal called for a significant reduction from 57 per cent to 43 per cent, when factoring in changes to the way revenue is calculated.

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Quoted

"It takes two sides to make a deal, it takes two sides to negotiate and it takes two sides if it all goes bad."

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman arrives for collective bargaining talks in Toronto on Wednesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fehr cries foul

NHLPA head bristles at reception

The strong words Wednesday left many feeling like another lockout is ahead.

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, was disappointed the owners weren't more receptive to what he viewed as significant concessions in the NHLPA's offer.

"There's a pretty substantial monetary gulf which is there and when you start with the proposal the owners made, how could it be otherwise?" said Fehr. "I mean, consider what the proposal was: It is 'Let's move salaries back to where they were before the (2004-05) lockout started, back to the last time.'

"'We had a 24 per cent reduction last time, let's have another one.' That was the proposal. That's what creates the gulf."

The sides broke off from talks with two completely different offers on the table and no meaningful negotiation sessions planned until Aug. 22. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Short-staffed Whitecaps falter vs. Dallas

Fabian Castillo of FC Dallas scores against Whitecaps goalkeeper Joe Cannon Wednesday in Vancouver. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fabian Castillo and second-half substitute Jonathan Top scored five minutes apart to give FC Dallas a 2-0 victory over the Vancouver Whitecaps in MLS action Wednesday.

Dallas, which entered the game as the obvious underdog, improved to 7-11-8 while winning for the fourth time in the past seven games. The Whitecaps (10-8-7) suffered only their second loss at home.

Both Dallas goals came in the second half of a game that generated more yellow cards — nine — than scoring chances. Vancouver received six yellows while Dallas took three.

Missing four regulars, Vancouver appeared out of sync much of the night, and coach Martin Rennie's liberal second-half substituting did not have the desired effect.

Scottish striker Kenny Miller made his first start at home and Atiba Harris started for the first time since April 28. He's battled knee problems that have sidelined him for most of the past two seasons and forced him to undergo three surgical procedures.

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Caps missing in action

Attackers Darren Mattocks and Dane Richards were away on international duty with Jamaica, captain Jay DeMerit sat out with a concussion and midfielder Gershon Koffie served a one-game suspension for taking his fifth yellow card of the season Saturday.

MLB

M's Hernandez finds perfection

King Felix now has a crowning achievement.

Felix Hernandez pitched the Seattle Mariners' first perfect game, and the 23rd in MLB history, overpowering the Tampa Bay Rays in a brilliant 1-0 victory Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Giants' Cabrera gets 50-game ban

Melky Cabrera's MVP-calibre regular season is over. The San Francisco Giants outfielder, and NL batting leader, was suspended 50 games Wednesday following a positive test for testosterone.

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CFL

Mitchell's appeal on ban falls flat

B.C. Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell will serve a two-game suspension for hyperextending another player's arm in a game last month.

An arbitrator has upheld the two-game ban, originally handed down July 23.

Mitchell appealed the decision and has remained in the lineup.

The incident occurred in a July 22 game between Edmonton and B.C., when Mitchell violently pulled on the arm of Edmonton offensive lineman Simeon Rottier.

The suspension is significant by CFL standards because it's the longest ever issued by commissioner Mark Cohon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

Things in Boston just keep getting worse. With the Red Sox sitting 12 1/2 games back in the AL East, rumours had been swirling about a player mutiny against manager Bobby Valentine. The drama forced club owner John Henry to try to dispel that notion on Wednesday. Scan the code for the story.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't cut corners or disobey rules, especially on the work front where colleagues and employers won't be too happy if you do the opposite of what is expected of you. There's a lot at stake — don't mess up.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Watch what you say today because you may be tempted to go over the top and let slip something you will later regret. Also, make no accusations that you cannot back up with rock solid facts and figures.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your financial situation is not so bad that you have to cash in your stocks and shares or sell off your assets. However, your everyday spending habits do need some attention. Where can you make savings?

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Petty arguments could very easily get out of hand today, so watch your temper. Others may be unjustly critical of what you are doing but the best way to deal with them is just to ignore them.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You seem to be out of touch with what is going on around you at the moment but that's no bad thing. If you get involved with other people's battles, you could end up as one of the wounded.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Listen to what other people have to tell you today and, if their proposals sound good, offer to join forces and make it happen. You are not the only one who has good ideas. Teamwork invariably brings success.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What you are offered today may fall short of what you desire but the planets indicate it is the best deal you are going to get, so you might as well take it. And don't forget to show your appreciation.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Delays of one sort or another are likely today but don't let that stop you getting out into the world and meeting new people. In most situations, a smile and a kind word will get you past obstructions.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Few things are as bad as they first appear to be and if you keep that thought in mind today you won't go far wrong. A temporary setback is just that so don't make a huge deal of it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It may be easy to get annoyed with people who cannot live up to your standards, but if you do it will only make matters worse. Stay calm and realize that, for some, your standards are impossibly high.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You would be wise to think twice before acting on a hunch today, especially on the work front where your reputation could take a nose-dive if you make the wrong call. Let's others take the risks.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You should be doing more. You should be making better use of the talents you were born with. What you need to remember is that each and every day can be a new beginning. Forget about yesterday — act today.

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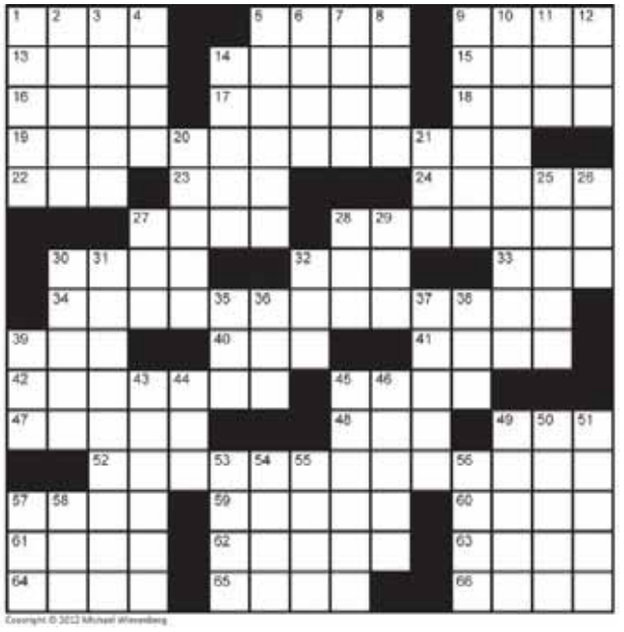
Crossword: It's a Puzzle

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. ___ cadabra
5. Chimney cleaner's concern
9. The most successful Swedish music act
13. Beaufort and Bering
14. Fall crop spoiler
15. Street
16. Painting and sculpture, e.g.
17. Slightest
18. Animal fat
19. Ottawa resident who starred in the Mummy film series (2 wds.)
22. Hardly a gentleman
23. Key beside F1
24. *My Dinner with* ___: 1981 film
27. Ancient cross with circular loop
28. ___ Party: Canada's oldest federally registered party
30. ___ time: never (2 wds.)
32. Inc.'s Canadian counterpart
33. Lubricant
34. What Canada Day commemorates
39. ___ up: soak (gravy with bread)
40. "___ are for kids"
41. Emoters
42. Northwest ___: sea route on Canadian mainland's N coast
45. Vancouver team member
47. *The* ___: series starring Mr. T (2 wds.)
48. ___ and outs
49. Consumed
52. City known as "The Birthplace of Confederation"
57. Tegan and ___: Calgary-born rockers
59. "___ No Good": Linda Ronstadt hit
60. Spoiled kid
61. Any time
62. 1950s Ford flop
63. Mix by hand
64. "___ Smile Be Your Umbrella" (2 wds.)
65. Arranges, as a dinner table
66. Window unit

Down
1. "It's easy ___!": very simple (comparison) (2 wds.)
2. Legendary Yankee catcher Yogi
3. ___ R: for mature audiences
4. Org.
5. Canadian language
6. Bread unit
7. Soviet Union
8. Songstress James
9. Garfield's feline girlfriend
10. Corporate meeting place
11. Place serving 53-Down
12. Sum
14. Chemistry lab vessel
20. Words before "iniquity" or "thieves" (2 wds.)
21. Sat. or Sun. (depending on religion)
25. Precipitates
26. House wing
27. "Barbara ___": 1966 Beach Boys hit
28. Env. content
29. Film noir actress Lupino
30. "... ___ of many colors" (2 wds.)
31. Hush-hush (2 wds.)
32. ___ Luthor: Superman's nemesis
35. Heart measure, for short
36. Expire
37. "All ___ in favor ..."
38. Gandalf portrayer McKellen
39. Whirlpool site
43. African desert
44. "I ___ Rock": Simon & Garfunkel hit (2 wds.)
45. Gasoline units
46. "___ Inside": computer slogan
49. Main artery
50. Ontario-born singer Shania
51. ___ nous: confidentially (literally, between us)
53. Strong drinks sometimes called redeye
54. Ore deposit
55. Eject
56. Three tsps.
57. Poivre tablemate
58. 15-Across cousin: abbr.

Yesterday's crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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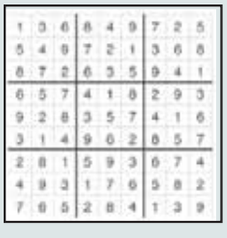
Yesterday's Sudoku



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